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Allotment of bulldozers for the Neyveli Lignite Mines Project.

* 624 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of bulldozers allotted for work in the Neyveli Lignite Mines Project;

(*b*) how many of them are now out of order; and

(*c*) the number of bulldozers allotted or lent by the Agriculture department?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Ten, Sir.

" (*b*) Five.

" (*c*) Three, Sir."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that many of the bulldozers are out of order because of the rough handling of these by the Bengalis who are employed in the lignite mines? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I would like to tell the hon. Member, it is no good harping on the Bengalis and North Indians and all that. We had to take these bulldozers on loan from the Indian Mining and Construction Company, from the Agricultural Department and so on. Some were taken from Disposals Department. The difficulty was in getting spare parts. Now we are arranging to get spare parts also."

Acquisition of lands for Harijan cheris in Coimbatore.

* 625 *Q.*—Sri P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Harijan cheris in Coimbatore district are on lands owned as patta lands by others; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to take steps to acquire these lands and hand them over free to the Harijans already occupying them?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) One hundred and seventy-nine.

" (*b*) Proposals for the acquisition of four Harijan cheris situated on patta lands are under investigation. In respect of the other cases, a final programme will be drawn up by the Collector of Coimbatore after examining the need for acquisition in each case."

Sri P. G. MANICKAM :—" பட்டா நிலங்களிலே குடியிருக்கும் ஹரிஜனங்கள் கவர்ன்மெண்டுக்கு அநேக விண்ணப்பங்கள் அனுப்பி இருக்கிறார்கள் என்ற காரணத்திற்காக சில பட்டா நிலங்களிலிருந்து ஹரிஜனங்கள்